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Board invites public input at Oct. 21 hearing. . .
**COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE TO CONSIDER WASTE
TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL PROPOSALS**

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today agreed to hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, to receive input on transportation and disposal proposals as well as the future of the waste-to-energy (WTE) project. The hearing will be held at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md.

In April of this year, the board directed the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (“Authority”) to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new waste transportation and disposal services. Frederick County has relied on the transfer and disposal of municipal solid waste in other jurisdictions’ landfills since December 2005. The current disposal agreement with Waste Management, Inc., ends in seven months.

This procurement process also provided the Authority with actual market waste disposal costs, which have been used to update the WTE financial model for the comparative cost associated with long-term transfer of waste out of the county as opposed to in-county disposal at the proposed WTE facility.

The challenges facing the Frederick WTE project are current electricity prices, which are now lower than 2008 prices when project financials were being developed, and the absence of a replacement partner. Based on the results of the procurement, and assuming modest increases in electricity cost from this point forward, the projected future out-of-county waste transportation and disposal costs would be less than the waste-to-energy option, at least for the next 22 years.

Before making a decision on the procurement process or the future of the Frederick WTE project, the board will hear from the public about their views on both issues.

For information about the RFP: http://www.nmwda.org/how_to_work/procurement_opportunities.shtml, or the WTE project, visit www.nmwda.org/frederick. For additional information, contact Authority Executive Director Chris Skaggs at 410-333-2730 or via e-mail at authority@nmwda.org.

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